

# PROGRAM

## Sacralization of History in (contemporary) Eastern Europe. Actors – Networks – Topics

**Joint Conference by Herder-Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe,  
Leibniz-Institute for European History, Catholic University Leuven, University of Amsterdam  
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**JUNE 28TH, 2021**

10.00-10.10 am **OPENING REMARKS**  
Heidi Hein-Kircher (Marburg), Liliya Berezhnaya (Leuven), Johannes Paulmann (Mainz)

10.10-10.45 am **KEYNOTE**  
Johannes Paulmann (Mainz):  
Sacralization - Historical Concepts and Practices

Break

11.00-12.30 am **SECTION I: INTERCONFESSIONAL AND MNEMONIC CONFLICTS**  
Moderation: Liliya Berezhnaya (Leuven)

**Radu Nedici** (Bucharest):  
Remembering Religious Dissent Through Its Martyrs: The Orthodox Church and the Appropriation of Historical Memory in Postsocialist Romania

**Wiktoria Kudela-Świątek** (Kraków):  
The (Ab)Use of Orthodox Marian Iconography in the Holodomor Visual Culture

**Ursula Woolley** (London):  
"Holier Than Thou?" Russian Sacralization of History and Ecclesiastical Politicization in Ukraine in Discursive Competition Over Ukrainian Autocephaly

Discussion

Lunch Break (1 hour)

1.30-3.30 pm **SECTION II: MARTYRS OF FAITH AND NATION**  
Moderation: Heidi Hein-Kircher (Marburg)

**Tatiana Nikonorova** (Aprelevka):  
Nicholas II in Modern Russia: Between Sacralization and Politics

**Yuliya Yurchuk** (Stockholm), **Andriy Fert** (Kyiv):  
Sacralization of Memory of Euromaidan Protests from a Postsecular Perspective

**Paweł Duber** (Birmingham):

Two Coffins: Right-Wing Politics of Memory and the “Sacralisation” of History in Poland after 2000

**Irina Paert** (Tartu):

Passion According to Nationalists: Martyrs for Faith and Sacralization of History in the Baltic Provinces and Estonia

Discussion

Break

3.45–4.45 pm

**SECTION III: NEW PAGANISM AND THE SACRALIZATION/INVENTION OF TRADITION**

Moderation: Johannes Paulmann (Mainz)

**Karin Reichenbach** (Leipzig):

“Nacjopoganie”? Sacralization and Politicization of the Pre-Christian Past in Polish Modern Paganism and Related Cultural Fields

**István Povedák** (Budapest):

Re-Inventing Sacred Hungarianness: From Grassroots Neo Mythologies to High Politics

Discussion

Break

5.00–5.30 pm

**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

Piotr Kisiel (Erkner)

5.30–6.00 pm

**FINAL DISCUSSION**



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